

Blood-Stream Infection (CDC)

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To Whom It May Concern:

Recent improvements in intraosseous (IO) technology now provide clinicians with a very effective and low-risk alternative for vascular access. IO access can completely replace high-risk femoral lines, and can also be used as a central line bridge in critical situations when the patient's condition does not allow for adherence to an institution's central line insertion protocol. The Infusion Nurses Society and the Emergency Nurses Association both have formal positions which support intraosseous access. AHA guidelines also recommend the IO route prior to central lines for patients in cardiac arrest. I respectfully recommend both pediatric and adult IO access be considered as a standard vascular access alternative, and be added to all central line checklists.

Respectfully,

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